



The new priest, nervous about hearing confessions, asks an older priest to sit in on his sessions. Afterward, the old priest had a few suggestions. "Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin with one hand," he says. The new priest tries it. "Now say things like, 'I see, yes,' 'I understand' and 'How did you feel about that?'" The new priest repeats the phrases. The old priest smiles and says, "Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying 'No way! What happened next?'"

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"Where Everyone Is Someone Special"

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY



APRIL 27, 2025

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“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”
*All may rise, in body or spirit.
Congregational response in bold
Second Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2025

PRELUDE **“An Easter Flower”** **B.O. Worrell**
 Beverly Fletcher, piano

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT **“Can He? Could He? Would He? Did He?”** **Tom Fettke**
 Praise Team

***UNISON PRAYER**

Creator God, we praise you for being part of your glorious creation. Made in your image, you bless us with gifts of humor and laughter, jocularity, and mirthfulness, helping to lighten the load of our earthly lives. No doubt, difficulties still develop, but the good news of Jesus’ resurrection is an assurance that no matter what, you are with us, now and always. Oh, the joy that promise provides! So, we pray, Amen

***OPENING** **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”** (words on the screen)
HYMN

SILENT REFLECTION, PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER **“Every Morning Is Easter Morning”** **Richard K. Avery**
RESPONSE **Beverly Fletcher, piano** **Donald S. Marsh**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:17-18 (NRSV)

GOSPEL READINGS

John 3:16; John 15:13 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My God” **Smokey Robinson**
Kira Kadel-Funk, Cheryl Tucker, Brenda Goodenberger

GUEST SPEAKER

Terey Summers

ANTHEM

“All For The Best” **Stephen Schwartz**
Praise Team

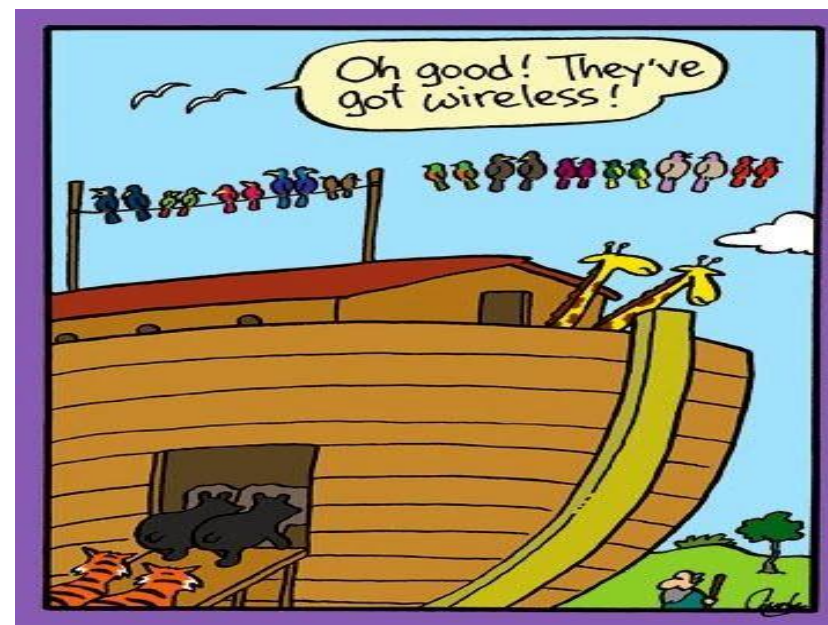
CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING**
RESPONSE

“Happy Trails” (words on the screen)
Congregation

POSTLUDE

“Song of Triumph” **James H. Rogers**
Beverly Fletcher, piano



What's Happening This Week...

Weekly Word

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| April 27 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am | HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Coffee Fellowship |
| April 28 1:00 pm 2:00 pm | MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive |
| April 29 1:00 pm | TUESDAY Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive |
| April 30 9:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm | WEDNESDAY Converse & Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group AA Meeting in the meeting room |
| May 1 11:00 am 1:00 pm | THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive |
| May 2 | FRIDAY Office Closed |
| May 3 | SATURDAY Office Closed |
| May 4 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am | SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with The Sacrament of Holy Communion† New Member Class Coffee Fellowship |

Welcome! Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Our prayer is that you will feel United Church is your spiritual home.

Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor with questions. We hope you will return soon to worship at United Church!

STAFF

Rev. Brady Abel, Senior Pastor
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Heather Purtle, Vice Moderator
Bill Zimmer, Past Moderator
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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Ron Patton, Lacy Patton

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

7 am Sunrise Service - 341, 10 am Brady Brunch Service – 85

DID YOU KNOW . . . God is calling you today . . . but not on your cell phone! Please silence yours. ☺

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Giving thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis; the victims and families of the mass shooting at the Florida State University on April 17; Greg and Vicki Bradley's friends Dennis and Christine; Korby Spielberger; Joe and Elise Ford; Susan Thacker; Ginger Dawson's son Craig; Sandra Mason; The family of Bob Allen and Linda Whitley for her brother Ward and his wife Pat; Bob Allen and Linda Whitley's neighbor Greg; Joyce Symmonds; Karen Crawford's friend Kathy; Mary Mitchell's niece Samantha Sujak; Pat Koopman's sister Jane; Ann Mordt's friend Sheila; Donna Bone and her son Chuck; Floyd Ellison's friend Nicole and her baby Roy; Phil Costa's ex-wife Sue; Greg Yagi's mom Nancy; Mary Segers-Koscielny's brother Robert Schneider; Nancy Wohlhuter; Gerry Paul's sister-in-law Theresa; Philip Atem; Prayers for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and all around the world.

WELCOME! Are you visiting with us today? Welcome to United Church of Sun City! We are so glad to see you! We hope you are blessed today as we worship The Lord together. We invite you to stay for fellowship following our service. If you have any questions about our Church, feel free to ask the pastor, usher, or contact the church office. We are so glad you are here and hope to see you again.

BIBLE STUDY: In-person study will continue on Thursday, May 1 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: Today we worship with an emphasis on laughter, joy, and sacred silliness as special guest actress and Christian Comedian Terey Summers places a humorous spin on today's word.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS will meet after worship service on Sunday, May 4, 2025. If you are interested in joining United Church, or just want some information about the church, please join us. All are welcome! New members will be received during worship on May 11, 2025.

GREETER SCHEDULE: A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have offered to serve as greeters. Mary Segers-Koscielny is still in need of a partner greeter for the month of May. If you'd like to become better acquainted with your church family while also serving the church as a greeter, please sign up at the back of the church.

SPEAKER SERIES: Tuesday, May 13 at 10:30 am, Sun Health along with Dan Hewson from Ascent Audiology presents "The Basics of Hearing Loss" in the Beehive. Learn about the auditory system and how hearing health is associated with balance problems, falls, social isolation, cardiovascular health, and cognitive decline. Please register in advance on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH: Mental Health Awareness Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. Although May 19 is Mental Health Sunday, we want to remind you that any Sunday is a great Sunday to focus on mental health.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available with the **SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. The Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential and free emotional support for people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress. To locate treatment facilities or providers, visit FindTreatment.gov or call SAMHSA's National Helpline at 800-662-HELP (4357).

AA MEETINGS are held in the church meeting room by the breezeway on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

THE NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP LINE: A phone number for seniors (60 years of age and older) who can call if they would like social interaction or to ask health questions. Trained volunteers are available. The Friendship Line is FREE and is sponsored by the Institute of Aging (IOA). Call 1-800-971-0016.

SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP: While SilverSneakers classes are on hold, Senior Exercise Group will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Beehive at 1:00 pm. Join them each week for exercise similar to SilverSneakers!

PRAYER REQUEST: you are welcome to share your prayer requests with us at any time. You can contact us at the office, leave a message, send an e-mail, or fill out a prayer request slip (on the Welcome table) and leave it in the collection plate. Prayer is essential, help us help you!